Beginning in October 2013, more than 500,000 Arkansans who are uninsured will have a new way to shop for, compare, and purchase insurance.

#### WHY IS A CHANGE NEEDED?

## One in four Arkansas adults does not have health insurance

Affordable health insurance would help Arkansans get the preventive care, screenings, and treatments they need.



#### **NEW COVERAGE IS AVAILABLE**

#### You will have access to healthcare

All Arkansans will be able to access comprehensive, affordable health coverage.

- If you have existing, affordable insurance – you can keep it.
- If you currently qualify for Medicaid or ARKids First but aren't enrolled, you can enroll.
- If you don't sign up, you might have to pay a penalty.

## **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

## You may pay a monthly premium for insurance

The amount you will pay depends on a few things:

- Your income
- The number of people in your family
- Your age
- Where you live
- Whether you use tobacco

#### **TIMELINE**

- October 1, 2013: Sign up begins.
- January 1, 2014: Coverage begins.
- March 31, 2014: Sign up ends for Marketplace plans.

### **MEDICAL BILLS**

Medical bills cause 60 percent of bankruptcies in the U.S.

New Insurance options mean families will not have to declare bankruptcy to get health care.



■ U.S. bankruptcies caused by medical bills

## Help is on the way

95 percent of uninsured Arkansans will qualify for financial help to pay for new coverage.



■ Percentage of uninsured Arkansans who will get financial help

# In Person Assisters will connect you to coverage

You can shop for a plan that meets your budget and your health care needs.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Health Insurance means better access to preventive care for kids. 64 percent of Arkansas kids will have the same, or better, preventive care services thanks to new insurance options.



## Do I qualify?

Family Size	1	2	3	4
Yearly Income	\$15,856	\$21,404	\$26,951	\$32,499

- If your family earns less than the amount shown above, you may qualify for Arkansas's "Private Option" coverage. You can choose your plan. Medicaid will pay your monthly premium for a health insurance plan.
- If you earn more than what's shown above, you can purchase a health insurance plan in the state's new insurance "Marketplace." Depending on your income, you may qualify for a subsidy.

#### **ENROLL AND LEARN MORE**

- Enroll at www.arhealthconnector.org or call 1-855-283-3483.
- access.arkansas.gov

#### **HELP**

Contact your Local Health Unit for an appointment with someone who can assist you:

